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European Federation of Public Service Employees v. Greece Complaint No. 115/2015

OBSERVATIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT ON ADMISSIBILITY

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Subject: Collective Complaint No115/2015 of the "European Federation of Public Service Employees (EUROFEDOP) against Greece"

The Directorate General of Human Rights of the Council of Europe, in a letter dated 30th September 2014, informed the Greek Government of the Collective Complaint submitted by the "European Federation of Public Service Employees (EUROFEDOP) against Greece" on March 12th, 2015. Subsequently, in a letter dated 30 March 2015, the Directorate General of Human Rights of the Council of Europe asked for observations of the Greek Government on the Admissibility of the said Complaint.

In conformity with article 6 of the Additional Protocol to the European Social Charter providing for a system of collective complaints and with Rule 25 paral of the Rules of Procedure of the European Committee of Social Rights, the observations of the Greek Government on the admissibility of the aforementioned Collective Complaint <u>No115/2015</u>, which was submitted against Greece alleging violation of <u>article 1, para2</u> of the 1961 European Social Charter, are as follows:

1. In accordance with Article 4 of the Protocol, which was ratified by Greece on 18 June 1998 and entered into force on 18 August 1998, the complaint was submitted in writing and concerns **Article 1**, **paragraph 2 of the Charter of 1961**, i.e. provisions accepted by Greece when it ratified this Treaty on

6 June 1984 and to which it is bound since the entry into force of this Treaty in its respect on 8 July 1984.

2. The grounds for the complaint are indicated.

3. The European Federation of Public Service Employees (EUROFEDOP) is an international nongovernmental organisation and, as such, is entitled to lodge complaints before the Committee.

On the basis of the above, the Greek Government does not question that Complaint No115/2015 meets the preconditions concerning admissibility, as these are defined in article 1b and in article 4 of the Protocol, as far as **article 1, paragraph 2 of the 1961 European Social Charter** is concerned.

Finally, as regards the representation of the Greek Government before the European Social Rights Committee, Ms Panagiota Margaroni, official of the Ministry of Labour, Social Security and Social Solidarity, Directorate of International Relations, is appointed as representative.

THE GENERAL SECRETARY

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